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TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: FY 76 CU ALLOCATION

REF: TUNIS 0633

1. ALLOCATION RECISION WAS PROPOSED ON ASSUMPTION THAT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTEES WOULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED AND APPROVED BY GOT IN TIME TO TRAVEL DURING CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. ALL OF US IN DEPARTMENT GRATIFIED TO LEARN FROM YOUR REFTEL THAT INVITATION PROCESS IN TUNIS IS MUCH FARTHER ALONG THAN ANYONE HERE HAD BEEN AWARE.

2. IN LIGHT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT CU HAS GLADLY RESTORED THE REQUIRED ALLOCATION. CU IS PREPARING AN OPERATIONAL CABLE SETTING FORTH PARTICULARS. I KNOW YOU WILL WANT TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK OUT PROGRAMMING DETAILS WITH CU PROGRAM OFFICER WHO IS ARRIVING TUNIS FEBRUARY 8.

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3. POATS AND NEWBERRY SHARE YOUR CONVICTION AND MINE THAT COMMITMENT MADE AT JOINT COMMISSION MEETING IN OCTOBER MUST BE MET. AT THE SAME TIME I HOPE YOU WILL AGREE THAT SOUND BUDGET MANAGEMENT IN THIS SEASON OF RECISION IMPELS DEPARTMENT NOT TO ENCUMBER FUNDS IN THIS FISCAL YEAR FOR PROGRAMS OR TRAVEL THAT WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL LATER FISCAL PERIODS. CU WILL NEED EMBASSY'S COOPERATION IN THIS EXERCISE IN FULL AND EXPLICIT UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY FISCAL ITEMS POSTPONED BEYOND JUNE 30 WILL BE ADDED TO AND NOT AT EXPENSE OF NEXT YEAR'S TUNISIA PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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